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Revision of standards**Proposal by the delegation of Sweden to amend the standards for pineapples, avocado and citrus fruits****Submitted by the secretariat**

The following proposals (highlighted) were submitted by the delegation of Sweden for consideration by the Specialized Section.

This document is submitted according to ECE/CTCS/2019/10 section IV, ECE/CTCS/2019/2 Decision 2019-8.6, and A/75/6 (Sect.20) and supplementary information.

Under section II – A. Minimum requirements

Sweden proposes that dead pests be allowed on the skin of pineapples, avocado and citrus fruits.

In the standards for avocados, pineapples, and citrus fruits, one of the minimum requirements currently states:

- Practically free from pests

We suggest that the text be changed to:

- Practically free from living pests

***Motivation:** In order to reduce food loss, the text could be amended in order to make the standard less strict regarding the presence of dead pests, such as different kinds of aphids. There is no risk for spreading the pests, if they are dead, and most consumers don't even see the them. It is proposed to amend the standard accordingly.*